

Wednesday, August 5, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 4276, Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations.
House Committees ordered reported 23 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 12 noon on Monday, August 31, 1998.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4401-4416; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 318-321, were introduced. Pages H7289-90

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1042, to amend the Illinois and Michigan Canal Heritage Corridor Act of 1984 to extend the Illinois and Michigan Canal Heritage Corridor Commission, amended (H. Rept. 105-676);

H.R. 2000, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarifications to the land bank protection provisions, amended (H. Rept. 105-677);

H.R. 2993, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units, amended (H. Rept. 105-678); and

H. Res. 517, providing for consideration of H.R. 4380, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105-679). Page H7289

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Peterson of Pennsylvania to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H7181

Committee Expenses: The House agreed to H. Res. 506, providing amounts for further expenses of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the second session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress. Page H7184

Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 4276, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 by yeas and nays vote of 225 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 402). Pages H7184-H7288

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations. Page H7287

Agreed To: The Talent amendment that increases funding for the Small Business Investment Program by \$7.090 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 312 yeas to 114 noes, Roll No. 393). Pages H7215-16

The Gilchrest amendment numbered 24 printed in the Congressional Record that strikes sec. 210 that specifies the exclusive jurisdiction of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi over fish in the Gulf of Mexico within 9 miles of the coast of the state; Pages H7225-26

The Conyers amendment that includes an independent counsel appointed under title 28, United States Code, in the provisions of Title VIII, Citizens Protection, cited as the "Citizens Protection Act of 1998" (agreed to by a recorded vote of 249 yeas to 182 noes, Roll No. 396); Pages H7229-43

The Kolbe amendment numbered 19 printed in the Congressional Record that prohibits any funds to be used to implement or enforce Executive Order 13083 (titled "Federalism" and dated May 14, 1998) (agreed to by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 399);

Pages H7247–55, H7263–64

The Saxton amendment that prohibits any funds to be used by the United States to intervene against a claim for attachment in aid of execution of property of terrorism sponsoring states by those injured or killed in acts of terrorism;

Pages H7267–68

The Holden amendment that transfers Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania from the eastern judicial district of Pennsylvania to the middle judicial district; and

Pages H7268–69

The McIntosh amendment that prohibits any funds to be used to implement the Memorandum of Understanding Relating to the Treaty Between the US and the USSR on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems entered into by the United States, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, and Ukraine (agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 400).

Pages H7272–77, H7285–86

Rejected:

The Mollohan amendment that sought to strike Bureau of the Census language that fences half of the FY 1999 appropriation for the decennial census until legislation releasing the funds is enacted; facilitates the resolution of legal issues surrounding the census; and uses the National Academy of Sciences to resolve statistical issues of census methodology (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 388);

Pages H7185–H7213

The Pallone amendment numbered 44 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase funding for non-point source pollution control by \$8 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 389);

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The Engel amendment that sought to increase funding for the Public Telecommunications Facilities Planning (PTFP) program by \$5 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 390);

Pages H7213–14

The Royce amendment numbered 15 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to delete the Advanced Technology Program (ATP) funding of \$180.2 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 391);

Pages H7214–15

The Bartlett amendment numbered 3 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to strike funding for payment of arrearages to meet obligations of membership in the United Nations, and to pay assessed expenses of international peacekeeping activities (rejected by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 392);

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The Stearns amendment that sought to strike \$109.2 million in funding for payment of arrearages to meet obligations of membership in the United Nations and to pay assessed expenses of international peacekeeping activities (rejected by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 394);

Pages H7216–18, H7224

The Callahan amendment that sought to clarify that each of the States of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi has exclusive fishery management authority over all fish in the Gulf of Mexico within 3 leagues of the coast of that State, effective July 1, 1999 (rejected by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 395).

Pages H7219–24, H7224–25

The Hutchinson amendment numbered 11 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to strike title VIII, Citizens Protection, cited as the "Citizens Protection Act of 1998" (rejected by a recorded vote of 82 ayes to 345 noes, Roll No. 397);

Pages H7226–47, H7262–63

The Hefley amendment that sought to prohibit any funds to be used to implement or enforce Executive Order 13087 of May 28, 1998 (rejected by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 398);

Pages H7256–61, H7263

The Kucinich amendment numbered 49 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit any funds to be used for the filing of a complaint in any legal action brought under specified sections of the NAFTA Implementation Act or the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 401).

Pages H7277–85, H7286

Withdrawn:

The Callahan amendment that sought to reduce funding for the National Marine Fisheries Service by \$29 million; and

Pages H7218–19

The Stearns amendment that sought to prohibit internet gambling.

Pages H7269–72

Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act: Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2183, Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act, pursuant to H. Res. 442, no further amendment shall be in order except the following amendments in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record: No. 15 offered by Representative Tierney; No. 7 offered by Representative Farr; No. 5 offered by Representative Doolittle; No. 4 offered by Representative Obey; and No. 8 offered by Representative Hutchinson; and that the amendments shall be debatable for a period not to exceed 40 minutes, equally divided and controlled, except for the Hutchinson amendment which shall be debatable for 60 minutes.

Pages H7287, H7288

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7290–94.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and fourteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7212–13, H7213, H7213–14, H7214–15, H7215, H7215–16, H7224, H7224–25, H7242–43, H7262–63, H7263, H7263–64, H7285–86, H7286, and H7287–88. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:15 a.m. on Thursday, August 6.

Committee Meetings

FOOD STAMP VERIFICATION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on H.R. 4366, Food Stamp Verification Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Robertson, Associate Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; and Shirley Watkins, Under Secretary, Food and Nutrition Services, USDA.

FINANCIAL CONTRACT NETTING IMPROVEMENT ACT; FINANCIAL INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills; H.R. 4393, Financial Contract Netting Improvement Act of 1998; and H.R. 4321, amended, Financial Information Privacy Act of 1998.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 3844, Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1998; H.R. 4017, Energy Conservation Reauthorization Act of 1998; and H.R. 4382, Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act of 1998.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

PRISON INDUSTRY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Prison Industry: Effects on Inmates, Law-Abiding Workers, and Business. Testimony was heard from Representatives Collins, Kennedy of Rhode Island, and Frank of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Met and approved pending Committee business.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights continued meetings on Human Rights in China—Day 2.

REGIONAL CONFLICT: COLOMBIA'S INSURGENCY AND PROSPECT FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Regional Conflict: Colombia's Insurgency and Prospects for a Peaceful Resolution. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 3789, Class Action Jurisdiction Act of 1998; H.R. 218, Community Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 3607, National Youth Crime Prevention Demonstration Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1467, amended, to provide for the continuance of oil and gas operations pursuant to certain existing leases in the Wayne National Forest; H.R. 1481, amended, Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1997; S. 1693, amended, Vision 2020 National Parks Restoration Act; S. 1695, Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Preservation Act of 1998; H.R. 2108, amended, Dutch John Federal Property Disposition and Assistance Act of 1997; H.R. 2756, amended, Kake Tribal Corporation Land Exchange Act; H.R. 3056, amended, to provide for the preservation and sustainability of the family farm through the transfer of responsibility for operation and maintenance of the Flathead Indian Irrigation project; H.R. 3381, amended, Gallatin Land Consolidation Act of 1998; H.R. 3687, amended, to authorize prepayment of amounts due under a water reclamation project contract for the Canadian River Project, Texas; H.R. 3878, to subject certain reserved mineral interests of the operation of the Mineral Leasing Act; H.R. 3972, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from charging State and local government agencies for certain uses of the sand, gravel, and shell resources of the outer Continental Shelf; H.R. 4023, amended, to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service property in Kern County, California, in exchange for county lands suitable for inclusion in Sequoia National Forest; H.R. 4166, to amend the Idaho Admission Act regarding the sale or lease of school land; H.R. 4313, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide that the number of members on the legislature of the Virgin Islands and the number of such members

constituting a quorum shall be determined by the laws of the Virgin Islands; and H.R. 4389, amended, to provide for the conveyance of various reclamation project facilities to local water authorities.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 4380, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XXI (requiring relevant printed hearings and reports to be available for three-days prior to the consideration of a general appropriations bill), section 306 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) and section 401(a) (prohibiting consideration of legislation, as reported, providing new contract, borrowing or credit authority that is not limited to the amounts provided in appropriation acts) of the Congressional Budget Act. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations in a general appropriations bill) except as specified by the rule. The rule provides that amendments printed in the Rules Committee report may be offered only a Member designated in the report, may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule accords priority in recognition to those amendments that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone recorded votes and to reduce to five minutes the voting time on any postponed question, provided that the voting time on the first in any series of questions is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor of North Carolina, Davis of Virginia, Tiahrt, Bilbray, Moran of Virginia and Norton.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION'S PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Committee on Science: Held an oversight hearing on the White House Perspective on the International Space Station's Problems and Solutions. Testimony was heard from Jacob Lew, Acting Director, OMB; Duncan Moore, Associate Director, Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

MOTOR CARRIER ECONOMIC REGULATORY ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation held a hearing on Motor Carrier Economic Regulatory Issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Boehlert and Goss; Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; Shirley F. Sarna, Assistant Attorney General in Charge, Consumer Frauds and Protections Bureau, Office of the Attorney General, State of New York; and public witnesses.

GARNISHMENT OF BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the garnishment of benefits paid to veterans for child support and other court-ordered family obligations. Testimony was heard from John H. Thompson, Acting General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lt. Gen. Normand G. Lezy, USAF, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Military Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; representatives of veterans associations and organizations; and public witnesses.

IRAQ

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Iraq. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1566 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider H.R. 4149, Forest Service Cost Reduction and Fiscal Accountability Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to mark

up the following bills: H.R. 3899, American Homeownership Act of 1998; and Sections 301 and 303 of H.R. 3865, American Community Renewal Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's Title VI Interim Guidance and Alternative State Approaches, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 3888, Anti-slammings Amendments Act, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on American Worker Project: Review of the Garment Industry Proviso, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to consider issuance of a Contempt of Congress citation to Attorney General Janet Reno, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Title II of H.R. 4244, Federal Procurement System Performance Measurement and Acquisition Workforce Training Act of 1998; followed by markup of H.R. 3921, Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1998, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Heirless Property Issues of the Holocaust, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn; and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 4038, to make available to the Ukrainian Museum and Archives the USIA television program "Window on America"; H.R. 633, to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to provide that the annuities of certain special agents and security personnel of the Department of State be computed in the same way as applies generally with respect to Federal law enforcement officers H. Con. Res. 185, expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recommitting the United States to the principles expressed in the Universal Declaration; and H.R. 4309, Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998, 3 p.m., H-139 Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 4019, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1998, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on drug diversion investigations by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 576, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to undertake the necessary feasibility studies regarding the establishment of certain new units of the National Parks System in the State of Hawaii; H.R. 2125, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey; H.R. 2800, Battle of Midway National Memorial Study Act; H.R. 2970, National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 1997; H.R. 4230, El Porto Administrative Site Land Exchange Act; H.R. 3705, The Ivanpah

Valley Airport Public Lands Transfer Act; H.R. 3746, to authorize the addition of the Paoli Battlefield site in Malvern, Pennsylvania, to the Valley Forge National Historical Park; H.R. 3883, to revise the boundary of the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site to include Knob Creek Farm; H.R. 3910, Automobile National Heritage Area Act of 1998; H.R. 3950, Otay Mountain Wilderness Act of 1998; H.R. 3963, to establish terms and conditions under which the Secretary of the Interior shall convey leaseholds in certain properties around Canyon Ferry Reservoir; H.R. 3981, to modify the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument; H.R. 4109, Gateway Visitor Center Authorization Act of 1998; H.R. 4141, to amend the Act authorizing the establishment of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area to modify the boundaries of the Area, and to provide for the protection of lands, waters, and natural, cultural, and scenic resources within the national recreation area; H.R. 4144, Cumberland Island Preservation Act; H.R. 4211, to establish the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, in association with the Tuskegee University, in the State of Alabama; H.R. 4158, National Park Enhancement and Protection Act; H.R. 4287, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Boundary Adjustments Act; H.R. 4289, to provide for the purchase by the Secretary of the Interior of the Wilcox ranch in Eastern Utah for management as wildlife habitat; and H.R. 4182, to establish the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site in the State of Arkansas, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, oversight hearing on Technology Development at FAA: Computer and Information Technology Challenges of the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on how project labor agreements on public construction projects are negatively affecting women and minority-owned businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on H.R. 1846, to provide for the immediate application of certain orders relating to the amendment, modification, suspension, or revocation of certificates under chapter 447 of title 49, United States Code, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Beaches and Oceans legislation, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare's Home Health Benefits, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, to consider reports on Y2K Computer Problems and Tax Law Complexity, 2 p.m., 1129 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to consider pending Committee business, 2 p.m., and, executive, a briefing on Korean Peninsula, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, August 31

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, August 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate may consider any cleared executive or legislative business.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2183, Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act (complete consideration); Consideration of H.R. 3892, English Language Fluency Act (modified open rule, 1 hour of general debate); and Consideration of H.R. 4380, District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 1999 (open rule, 1 hour of general debate).

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